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1. Many of the graduates and students of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools in North Korea are dissatisfied with the treatment they are receiving.
2. When the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools in North Korea were first established, the students were told that, upon graduation from the schools, they would be assigned to important positions in various military and semi-military organizations, such as the Peace Preservation Office (Po An Sŏ 保安署). However, most of the graduates of the schools have been performing the duties of ordinary soldiers.
3. The food situation in the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools is bad. Since 1 May the students have received only two meals, consisting only of corn meal, a day.
4. The training at the schools has been vigorous and discipline has been strictly enforced. No criticism of superiors on any matter is tolerated.
5. The morale of the students is low and desertions from the schools have increased so much that the staff members of the schools are seriously concerned.
6. The military authorities in North Korea are experiencing great difficulty in recruiting men for the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools. Some of the leading Communists in certain localities in North Korea have joined the schools voluntarily to set an example for others in the community. In some places in North Korea young men have even been compelled by force to join the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools. 25X1A2g
- 25X1A6a Note: [REDACTED] reported that young men between the ages of 17 and 25 are being conscripted throughout North Korea and sent to Peace Preservation Corps Officers' Schools.)

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